MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES POST OFFICE BOX 451 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W13 3504(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann Secretary of State Post Office Box 136 Jackson, MS 39205 AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on April 8, 2010, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2010-11 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W12 3504 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2010-2011 Regulations for Nanih Waiya Wildlife Management Area

Neshoba and Winston Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, DOG RESTRICTIONS, and LEGAL WEAPONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 20	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 5	Mar. 11	See BAG LIMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	Mar. 12	May 1	See BAG LIMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 9	Oct. 15	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 2	Sep. 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations		

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RABBIT

With Dogs By special permit only. See BAG LIMITS, RABBIT, and RABBIT

HUNTING WITH DOGS DRAW PRECEDURE

in Special Instructions.

Without Dogs Oct. 16 Feb. 28

QUAIL Nov. 25 Mar. 5

DOVE See Federal Regulations.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR NANIH WAIYA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W13 3504(I)

WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:

Turkey - 2 legal gobblers per hunter. Rabbit - 8 per hunting party if with dogs.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be kept with the visitor while on the WMA. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

RABBIT: Rabbit hunting with dogs will be allowed by special permit only. Selected hunters must check in at the WMA headquarters by 9:00 a.m. on the draw dates. Hunting is allowed beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m. on the draw dates. Selected hunters can bring 2 guests during each hunt. Each hunting party may have a maximum of 5 dogs afield. The bag limit is 8 per hunting party. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be received by Oct. 15, 2010. Rabbit hunting dates are: Dec. 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29; Jan. 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29; Feb. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, and 26.

RABBIT HUNTING WITH DOGS DRAW PROCEDURE: Two (2) reservation positions are drawn prior to season for each day designated for rabbit hunting with dogs. Reservation holders must check in at the WMA headquarters by 9:00 a.m. on their draw date. If reservation holders fail to check in at the WMA headquarters by 9:00 a.m., their position will be forfeited and will be open for drawing to standby hunters. Draws for available standby positions will be conducted at 9:00 a.m.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any buck.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters building or at a check station by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

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DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. See restrictions for rabbit hunting with dogs in **RABBIT** above. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, 2011.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting, EXCEPT that youth may use centerfire rifles and shotguns with slugs during the youth deer hunt and during primitive weapon season. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated graveled roads for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: A WMA Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Campers must also use a designated, primitive camp site and obtain a camping permit from the Area Manager prior to camping. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 327-2142.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 10, 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:

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